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Sometimes Big Winners Literally Can't Believe Their Luck

Before You Toss That Game, Make Sure You Scan It With the Mobile App!

SACRAMENTO – An ordinary day took an extraordinary turn for **Guadalupe Guerro** when a seemingly routine purchase of Scratchers® resulted in a staggering \$1 million prize from the *\$100 Million Mega Cash* game.

“I was visiting my mom in Santa Rosa, and on my way home, I decided to stop at a store to buy some Scratchers tickets,” Guerro shared. “I usually prefer the \$5 tickets, but that day I bought two \$10 tickets instead.” This decision proved lucky, as it led to Guerro discovering that he had won the \$1 million top prize.

“At first, I thought I had won \$1,000, but then my kid pointed out, ‘No, that’s not a thousand, that’s a million!’” he said.

Still in disbelief, Guerro used the [California Lottery mobile app](#) to scan the ticket he bought at MD Liquor & Food in Rohnert Park; the app confirmed his victory.

Guerro isn’t alone in his astonishment. **Jesus Perez** had just spent \$10 on a *LOTERIA™ GRANDE* Scratchers game at the Rotten Robbie on Saratoga Avenue in San Jose and was feeling down. While in his car, he scratched off the game, hoping for a miracle.

“When I scratched it, I thought I hadn’t won anything, and I felt sad,” said Perez. “But before tossing it away, I decided to check one last time.”

Using his phone to scan the ticket, he described being overwhelmed with relief when he realized he had won the top prize of \$1 million.

“I thanked the Lord of miracles,” he said.

Sometimes, even the runner-up prizes can be impressive.

Jorge Loza matched five numbers in *Powerball®*, missing only one number, earning him nearly \$2.5 million from a ticket he got at



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the 7-Eleven on Sunland Blvd. in Sun Valley. California is unique among its partner states for both *Mega Millions* and *Powerball*®, as all prize levels are pari-mutuel. This means that even lower prize amounts grow like jackpots and are shared among any winners who hit at that level. In Loza's case, he was the only one and had he played in a different state, his winnings would have been capped at a fixed \$1 million second-place prize.

Rounding out the California Lottery's latest big winners is **Teresa Cisneros**, who took home \$1 million from her lucky *Single, Double, Triple* Scratchers picked up from the 7-Eleven on North Ventura Avenue in Ventura.

In total, these fortunate players claimed \$5.5 million in prizes, thanks to their [support of California public education](#). To learn more about how California Lottery funds benefit schools in the state, [visit the official California Lottery YouTube account](#).

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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